



State Ethics Commission of Georgia

ADVISORY OPINION NO. 1991-26
January 25, 1991

SUBJECT: PROHIBITION OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS BY PUBLIC UTILITY CORPORATIONS REGULATED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

REAL OR HYPOTHETICAL SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES:

A private carrier over whom the Public Service Commission's authority is limited to safety matters wants to make political campaign contributions. In view of the prohibition contained in O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30(f) may it do so?

ADVISORY OPINION

Private carriers are not subject to the general supervision of the Public Service Commission and, therefore, would not be considered "public utility corporations" as contemplated in O.C.G.A. § 21-5-30(f). Accordingly, private carriers are not prohibited from making political campaign contributions by that code section. [See also Opinion of the Attorney General of Georgia dated November 1, 1990, and designated as Opinion 90-32.]